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SEC. 34. Chapters four hundred eighty-two (482), four hundred eighty-four (484), four hundred eighty-five (485), and four hundred eighty-six (486), Code 1975, are repealed.

Approved May 15, 1975

CHAPTER 171

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

H. F. 450

AN ACT relating to persons engaged in the buying and selling of certain motor vehicles and relating to vehicle registration by revising the registration application form and the registration filing system, requiring a bond to be posted in situations where vehicle ownership is not established, providing for publication of notice regarding vehicle registration renewals, increasing motorcycle and hearse registration fees, providing for receipt of new registration for all vehicles transferred in December, relating to braking and hitching requirements for certain travel trailers and semitrailers operated on the highways, relating to the width of vehicles carrying hay, straw or stover, and relating to the base price of a vehicle for registration purposes, subject to penalties provided by law.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point twenty (321.20), subsection one (1), Code 1975, is amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1. The name, social security number if available, bona fide residence and mailing address of the owner or if the owner is a firm, association or corporation, the application shall contain the business address and employer identification number of the owner if available.

SEC. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point twenty-four (321.24), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

321.24 Issuance of registration and certificate of title. Upon receipt of the application for title and payment of the required fees for motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, the county treasurer shall, when satisfied as to the genuineness and regularity thereof, issue a registration receipt and certificate of title and shall file the application, the manufacturer's or importer's certificate, certificate of title, or other evidence of ownership, as prescribed by the department. The registration receipt shall be delivered to the owner and shall contain upon the face thereof the date issued, the name and address of the owner, the regis-

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tration number assigned to the vehicle, the title number assigned to the owner of the vehicle, the amount of the fee paid, the amount of tax paid pursuant to section 423.7, type of fuel used and such description of the vehicle as determined by the department and upon the reverse side a form for notice of transfer of the vehicle. One copy of the registration receipt shall be retained by the county treasurer in a registration number file and said file The county treasurer shall maintain in the county record system information contained on the registra-tion receipt. Such information shall be accessible by registration number and shall be open for public inspection during reasonable business hours. Two copies Such copies as the department may require shall be mailed to sent to the department in the manner and at such time as the department on date of issuance may direct. The certificate of title shall contain upon the face thereof the identical information required upon the face of the registration receipt and such information shall be so placed on the title form as to permit the county treasurer to prepare the certificate of title simultaneously with the registration receipt. In addition thereto, the certificate of title shall contain a statement of the owner's title, the amount of tax paid pursuant to section 423.7, name and address of previous owner, and a statement of all liens security interests and encumbrances as shown in the application, upon the vehicle therein described including the nature of the lien or liens security interest, amount, date of notation and name and address of lienholder or lienholders the secured party. Said certificate shall bear thereon the seal of the county treasurer, his the signature of the county treasurer or that of his the deputy county treasurer, and shall provide space for the signature of the owner. The owner shall write his name sign the certificate of title in the space provided with pen and ink upon receipt of certificate of title. The certificate of title shall contain upon the reverse side a form for assignment of title or interest and warranty thereof by the owner, for reassignments by a licensed dealer and for application for a new certificate of title by the transferee as provided in this chapter. All certificates of title shall be typewritten and shall be issued in triplicate or printed by other mechanical means. The original certificate of title shall be delivered to the owner in the event no lien security interest or encumbrance appears thereon. Otherwise the certificate of title shall be delivered by the county treasurer to the person holding the first lien security interest or encumbrance as shown in the certificate. One copy of the certificate shall be retained by the county treasurer in a title number file in the manner prescribed by the department and shall remain in the file of the county issuing the title The county treasurer shall maintain in the county records system information contained on the certificate of title. Such information shall be accessible by title certificate number for a period of three years from the date of notification of cancellation of title or that a new title has been issued as provided in this chapter after which it may be destroyed. One copy Such copies as the department may require shall be mailed sent to the department on the date of issuance in the manner and at such time as the department shall direct. The department shall designate a uniform system of title numbers so as to indicate the county of issuance.

SEC. 3. Section three hundred twenty-one point twenty-four (321.24), Code 1975, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

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NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. If the county treasurer or department is not satisfied as to the ownership of the vehicle or that there are no undisclosed security interests in it, the county treasurer or department may register the vehicle but shall as a condition of issuing a certificate of title and registration receipt, require the applicant to file with the department a bond in the form prescribed by the department and executed by the applicant, and either accompanied by the deposit of cash with the department or also executed by a person authorized to conduct a surety business in this state. The bond shall be in an amount equal to one and one-half times the current value of the vehicle as determined by the department and conditioned to indemnify any prior owner and secured party and any subsequent purchaser of the vehicle or person acquiring any security interest in it, and their respective successors in interest, against any expense, loss or damage, including reasonable attorney's fees, by reason of the issuance of the certificate of title of the vehicle or on account of any defect in or undisclosed security interest upon the right, title and interest of the applicant in and to the vehicle. Any such interested person has a right of action to recover on the bond for any breach of its conditions, but the aggregate liability of the surety to all persons shall not exceed the amount of the bond. The bond, and any deposit accompanying it, shall be returned at the end of three years or prior thereto if the vehicle is no longer registered in this state and the currently valid certificate of title is surrendered to the department, unless the department has been notified of the pendency of an action to recover on the bond.

SEC. 4. Section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-one (321.31), Code 1975, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

321.31 Records system. A state and county records system shall be maintained in the following manner:

1. State records system. The department shall install and maintain a records system which shall contain the name and address of the vehicle owner, current and previous registration number, vehicle identification number, make, model, style, date of purchase, registration certificate number, maximum gross weight, weight, list price or value of the vehicle as fixed by the department, fees paid and date of payment. The records system shall also contain a record of the certificate of title including the notation of all security interests recorded and released, and such other information as the department deems necessary. The information to be kept in the records system shall be entered within forty-eight hours after receipt insofar as is practical. The records system shall constitute the permanent record of ownership of each vehicle titled under the laws of this state.

The department may make photostatic, microfilm, or other photographic copies of certificates of title, registration receipts, or other records, reports, or documents which are required to be retained by the department. When copies have been made, the department may destroy the original records in such manner as prescribed by the director. The photostatic, microfilm, or other photographic copies, when no longer of use, may be destroyed in the manner prescribed by the director, subject to the approval of the state records commission. Photostatic, microfilm, or other photographic copies of records shall be admissible in evidence when duly certified and authenticated by the officer having custody and control of the copies of records.

2. County records system. Each county treasurer's office shall maintain a county records system for vehicle registration and certificate of

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title documents. The records system shall consist of information from the certificate of title including the notation and cancellation of security interests, information from the registration receipt, and such information shall be maintained by retention of one copy of the registration receipt in a registration number file and one copy of the title certificate in a title number file. In lieu of retaining one copy of the registration receipt and one copy of the title certificate, the information may be maintained in such other manner as may be approved by the department, provided such information is accessible by title certificate number and registration number.

The county treasurer may make photostatic, microfilm, or other photographic copies of certificates of title, registration receipts, or other records, reports, or documents which are required to be retained by the county treasurer. When copies of records have been made, the county treasurer may destroy the original records three years after they have been issued, in such manner as prescribed by the department. When copies of records are no longer of use, they may be destroyed in a manner prescribed by the department. Photostatic, microfilm, or other photographic copies of records shall be admissible in evidence when duly certified and authenticated by the officer having custody and control of the copies of records.

SEC. 5. Section three hundred twenty-one point forty (321.40), unnumbered paragraph two (2), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

Registration receipts issued for renewals shall have the word "renewal" imprinted thereon and, if the owner making a renewal application has been issued a certificate of title, the title number shall appear on the registration receipt. All registration receipts for renewals shall be typewritten or printed by other mechanical means and shall be prepared in quadruplicate. The original registration receipt shall be issued to the applicant, one copy retained in the county treasurer's file and two copies shall be forwarded to the department. The applicant shall receive a registration receipt.

SEC. 6. Section three hundred twenty-one point forty (321.40), Code 1975, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

New Unnumbered Paragraph. Not more than thirty days nor less than twenty days prior to December first the county treasurer shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, a notice to vehicle owners. The notice shall contain a list of pertinent information which is required to register a vehicle. The notice shall also include a statement that application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made on or after December first of the year for which it is registered and that such renewal may be made by mail on or after November first. The county treasurer may deliver registration plates and other registration documents on which application for renewal has been made in November, to the owner thereof, after the last day of November.

SEC. 7. Section three hundred twenty-one point forty-two (321.42), Code 1975, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. If a county treasurer issues vehicle registration documents for vehicles subject to registration for delivery to the owner through the United States postal service, and such documents are lost or damaged in transit, the owner of the vehicle may file

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application for reissuance of these documents, without cost, with the county treasurer which originally issued the documents not less than twenty days from the date the county treasurer placed such documents for delivery through the United States postal service. If the owner of the vehicle subject to registration receives the original registration documents through the United States postal service after reissuance of duplicate documents by the county treasurer, the owner of the vehicle shall surrender the original documents to the county treasurer not later than five days from the date of receipt of the original documents from the United States postal service.

SEC. 8. Section three hundred twenty-one point fifty (321.50), subsections three (3), four (4), and seven (7), Code 1975, are amended to read as follows:

3. Upon receipt of the application, the certificate of title, if any, and the required fee, the county treasurer shall note such security interest, and the date thereof, on the certificate over the signature of such officer or deputy and the seal of office. He The county treasurer shall also note such security interest and the date thereof on the duplicate of same on file. On that day he shall notify the department on forms provided by the department, which shall note such security interests on the duplicate title in its file in the county records system and shall also notify the department. The county treasurer shall then mail the certificate of title to the first secured party as shown thereon.

4. When a security interest is discharged, the holder thereof shall execute a release within fifteen days after payment is received, such release to contain the certificate of title number, the date of the notation thereof, and the name and address of the person to whom the title shall be delivered when such delivery is requested as hereinafter provided. The holder shall also note a cancellation of same on the face of the certificate of title over his, her or its signature, and deliver the release and certificate of title to the county treasurer where title was issued. The county treasurer shall immediately note the cancellation of said security interest on the face of the certificate of title and on the duplicate of same on file in his office. On the same day he shall notify the department, which shall note such release on the duplicate title in its file in the county records system and shall also notify the department. The county treasurer shall on the same day deliver the certificate of title to the then first secured party or, if there is no such person, to the person as directed on the lien security interest release or, if there is no such person designated, then to the owner. Said cancellation of the security interest shall be noted on the certificate of title by the county treasurer without charge. The holder of a lien security interest discharged by payment who fails to release such lien security interest as herein provided within fifteen days after being requested in writing to do so shall forfeit to the person making such payment the sum of twenty-five dollars. Such request shall be on the release form as prescribed by the department and shall contain a statement signed by the owner setting forth the name and address of the person to whom the title shall be delivered.

7. Upon request of any person, the county treasurer shall issue a certificate showing whether there are, on the date and hour stated therein, any liens security interests noted on a particular vehicle's certificate of title, and the name and address of each secured party whose lien is noted thereon. The uniform fee for a written certificate shall be two dollars if the request for the certificate is on a form conforming to standards prescribed by the secretary of state; otherwise,

three dollars.

SEC. 9. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred five (321,105), Code 1975, is amended by adding after unnumbered paragraph two (2) the following new unnumbered paragraph:

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tution, as defined in section four hundred twenty-two point sixty-one (422.61) of the Code, and approval of the application by the county treasurer, the county treasurer in any county may authorize the financial institution to receive applications for renewal of vehicle registra-tions and payment of the registration fees. The registration fees shall be delivered to the county treasurer at the time the county treasurer has processed the vehicle registration application. Registration fees received with vehicle registration applications shall be designated as public funds only upon receipt of such funds by the county treasurer from the financial institution.

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(321.106), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

Registration for fractional part of year. no delinquency and the registration is made in February or succeeding months to and including November, registration fees for vehicles designed to carry nine passengers or less shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the annual registration fee as provided in this chapter multiplied by the number of unexpired months of the year. No fee shall be required for the month of December for a new ear in good faith delivered during that month vehicle on which there is no delinauencu.

Where there is a delinquency, registration fees for vehicles designed to carry property or more than nine passengers which are registered after January 31 shall be computed on the basis of the full annual fee, plus penalties, for such vehicle. Where there is no delinquency and the registration is made in February or succeeding months, registration fees for vehicles designed to carry property or more than nine passengers shall be computed on the basis of one-twelfth of the annual registration fees as provided in this chapter multiplied by the number of unexpired months of the year. No fee shall be required for the month of December for vehicles on which there is no delinquency.

Whenever any registration fee computed under this section contains a fractional part of a dollar, the fee shall be computed to the nearest whole dollar, except that any such fee so computed shall not be less than five dollars, which amount shall be the fee collected. The fee so computed for an original registration shall be deemed to be the annual

registration fee for the remainder of the registration year.

Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred seventeen (321.117), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

321.117 **Motorcycle and hearse fees.** For all motorcycles the annual fee shall be five ten dollars. When said motorcycle has been registered five times, the annual registration fee shall be one-half the rate when new five dollars. The annual registration fee for hearses shall be thirty fifty dollars. Passenger car plates shall be issued for hearses.

Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred fifty-

seven (321.157), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

Schedule of prices and weights. Every manufacturer or importer of a motor vehicle sold or offered for sale within this state. either by the manufacturer, importer, distributor, dealer, or any other person, shall, on or before the first day of August, annually, file in the office of the department a sworn statement showing the various models

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manufactured by him the manufacturer, importer, distributor, dealer, or other person, and the retail list price and weight of each model concurrently with a public announcement of such prices or concurrently with notification of such prices to dealers licensed to sell such motor vehicles under chapter three hundred twenty-two (322) of the Code, whichever comes first as of August 1 of that year. He The manufacturer, importer, distributor, dealer, or other person shall also make the same report on subsequent new models manufactured prior to August 1 of the following year.

SEC. 13. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred sixty-

one (321.161), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

321.161 Department to fix values and weight. The department shall, on or before the first day of August, annually, and at such other times as new makes or models of motor vehicles are offered for sale or sold in this state, fix the value and weight of each of the different makes and models of motor vehicles which are sold or offered for sale within the state. The value and weight as fixed by the department shall, on 1975 and subsequent year model motor vehicles, be based on the original certification as provided in section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred fifty-seven (321.157) of the Code.

Section three hundred twenty-one point four hundred thirty (321.430), subsection three (3), Code 1975, is amended to read as fol-

3. Every trailer or semitrailer of a gross weight of three thousand pounds or more, and every trailer coach or travel trailer of a gross weight of three thousand pounds or more intended for use for human habitation, when operated on the highways of this state, shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold such vehicle, and so designed as to be applied by the driver of the towing motor vehicle from its cab, or with self-actuating brakes, and weight equalizing hitch with a sway control of a type approved by the director of public safety transportation. Every semitrailer, travel trailer, or trailer coach of a gross weight of three thousand pounds or more shall be equipped with a separate, auxiliary means of applying the brakes on the semitrailer, travel trailer, or trailer coach from the cab of the towing vehicle. Trailers or semitrailers with a truck or truck tractor need only comply with the brake requirements.

SEC. 15. Section three hundred twenty-two point three (322.3), sub-

section nine (9), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:
9. No person licensed under this chapter shall, either directly or through an agent, salesman or employee, engage in this state, or represent or advertise that he is engaged or intends to engage in this state, in the business of buying or selling at retail new or used motor vehicles, other than mobile homes more than eight feet in width or more than thirty-two feet in length as defined in section three hundred twenty-one point one (321.1) of the Code, on the first day of the week, commonly known and designated as Sunday.

SEC. 16. Section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-iour (521.54), Code 1975, as amended by Senate File 13 of the Sixty-sixth General

Assembly, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. Upon the transfer of ownership of a vehicle with registration plates which do not bear the designation of the county of the purchaser's or transferee's residence, the purchaser or transferee may, upon application to the county treasurer in accordance with section three hundred twenty-one point forty-six (321.46) of the Code, also apply for new registration plates for the vehicle, and upon surrender of the plates for such vehicle and payment of an additional registration fee of five dollars, the county treasurer shall issue new registration plates for such vehicle bearing the designation of that county.

SEC. 17. Section three hundred twenty-one point four hundred fifty-

four (321.454), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

321.454 Width of vehicles. The total outside width of any vehicle or the load thereon, except loose hay or straw, shall not exceed eight feet. However, if hay, straw, or stover moved on any implement of husbandry and the total width of load of the implement of husbandry exceeds eight feet in width, the implement of husbandry shall not be subject to the permit requirements of chapter three hundred twenty-one E (321E) of the Code. If hay, straw, or stover is moved on any other vehicle subject to registration, such moves shall be subject to the permit requirements for transporting loads exceeding eight feet in width as required under chapter three hundred twenty-one E (321E) of the Code.

SEC. 18. The provisions of section eleven (11) of this Act shall become effective December 1, 1975 for registrations made on or after December 1, 1975 for the 1976 registration year.

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This Act was passed by the G.A. prior to July 1, 1975; see §3.7 of the Code

CHAPTER 172

VEHICLE INSPECTION

H. F. 502

AN ACT relating to vehicle inspection and issuing inspection orders by authorized employees. Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred 2 thirty-eight (321.238), Code 1975, is amended by adding the following 3 new numbered subsections:

NEW Subsection. 25. As used in this section:

a. "Authorized officer" means an officer of the Iowa highway safety patrol designated by the commissioner of public safety to make a spot vehicle inspection or a state employee of the transportation regulation and safety division, or its successor, of the state department of transportation designated by the director to make a spot vehicle inspection.

b. "Spot vehicle inspection" means an equipment safety inspection

b. "Spot vehicle inspection" means an equipment safety inspection of a vehicle conducted by an authorized officer to determine if the vehicle should be inspected at an inspection station and shall not include inspection of the "glove compartment" or "trunk" or any other area that is not essential to the performance of an equipment safety inspection

c. "Inspection order" means the form established by the department to be given to the operator of a vehicle by an authorized officer following a spot vehicle inspection when the vehicle requires further inspection at an inspection station.